THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The District Rehabilitation Centres had been set up in the following locations:— (i) Virar in Maharashtra, (ii) Jagdishpur and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh, (iii) Midnapore in West Bengal, (iv) Bhiwani in Haryana, (v) Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh, (vi) Mysore in Karnataka, (vii) Bilaspurin Chhattisgarh, (viii) Kota in Rajasthan, (ix) Chengalpattu in Tamil Nadu and (x) Bhubneshwar in Orissa.

(c) The DRCs through institutional or camp approach, provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities at the grass root level, which include (i) Survey & identification (ii) Awareness Generation and Early Intervention (iii) Therapeutic Services (iv) Fitment and distribution of assistive devices (v) Facilitation of educational, vocational and placement services (vi) Referral arrangements and surgical correction through Govt. & Charitable institutes (vii) Arrangement of loans for self employment (viii) Arrangement of bus passes, disability certificates etc. (ix) Counseling of persons with disabilities, their patents & family members.

Survey on population of backward SC/ST

†2848. SHRI KRISHAN LAI BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding population of backward Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Misappropriation of funds for disabled persons

†2849. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the functioning of national institutes/agencies especially with regard to the misappropriation of funds and non-providing the supporting machines/ equipments to disabled persons by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, state-wise; and

(c) the details of the remedial measures taken for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) As far as National Institutes are concerned, complaints are usually received regarding administrative functioning as well as financial irregularities for which adequate administrative action is initiated. As far as non-provision of the supporting machines/equipments is concerned, there is no complaint in the last five years.

Inclusion of castes in OBC category

†2850. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some of the castes have been included in OBC category by Government of Uttaranchal during last three years; .

(b) if so, the names of such castes and sub castes;

(c) whether Central Government have granted eligibility to these said backward castes and regions for reservation in Central Government services; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard and by when these hurdles would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN); (a) to (d) Inclusion of castes/communities in the State list of OBCs is the prerogative of the concerned State Governments. However, it does not entitle them for benefit of reservation in Central Government services. Inclusion of any caste in Central list is independently examined by the

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